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Global Code of Ethics for Tourism

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 56/212 of 21 December 2001 and 60/190 of 22 December 2005,

Recalling also the Manila Declaration on World Tourism of 10 October 1980,[1] the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development[2] and Agenda 21[3] of 14 June 1992, the Amman Declaration on Peace through Tourism of 11 November 2000,[4] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[5] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,[6] the Declaration of Barbados[7] and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of

[1] A/36/236, annex, appendix I.

[2] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

[3] Ibid., annex II.

[4] See A/55/640.

[5] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[6] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

[7] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

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Small Island Developing States,[8] the Mauritius Declaration[9] and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[10] the Brussels Declaration[11] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[12]

Recalling further the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,[13] the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States[14] and the ministerial declaration adopted at the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2010 of the Economic and Social Council on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women,[15]

Recognizing the important dimension and role of tourism as a positive instrument towards the eradication of poverty, the protection of the environment and the improvement of the quality of life for all people, its potential to make a contribution to sustainable development, especially of the developing countries, and its emergence as a vital force for the promotion of international understanding, peace and prosperity,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Tourism Organization on the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;[16]

2. *Welcomes* the work of the World Tourism Organization and its World Committee on Tourism Ethics in the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism and the establishment of the permanent secretariat in Rome;

3. *Encourages* the World Tourism Organization, through its World Committee on Tourism Ethics and its permanent secretariat, to continue to promote and disseminate the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism and monitor the implementation of the ethical principles related to tourism by both the public and private sectors;

4. *Welcomes* the growing interest among Member States, especially among the member States and territories of the World Tourism Organization, and the increasing level of their institutional and legal commitment towards the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics in Tourism, reiterates the invitation to

[8] Ibid., annex II.

[9] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[10] Ibid., annex II.

[11] A/CONF.191/13, chap. I.

[12] Ibid., chap. II.

[13] See resolution 65/1.

[14] See resolution 65/2.

[15] To be issued in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/65/3/Rev.1), chap. III.

[16] See A/65/275.

those member States and other tourism stakeholders that have not yet done so, in particular in the private sector, to introduce, as appropriate, the content of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism in their relevant laws, regulations, professional practices and codes of conduct, and in this regard recognizes with appreciation those member States and industry practitioners that have already done so;

5. *Recognizes* the need to promote the development of sustainable tourism, including non-consumptive tourism and ecotourism, taking into account the spirit of the International Year of Ecotourism, 2002, the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002, the World Ecotourism Summit, 2002, the Quebec Declaration on Ecotourism[17] and the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism as adopted by the World Tourism Organization in 1999,[18] in order to increase the benefits from tourism resources for the population in host communities, while maintaining the cultures and environmental integrity of the host communities and enhancing the protection of ecologically sensitive areas and natural heritages, and to promote the development of sustainable tourism and capacity-building in order to contribute to the strengthening of rural and local communities, taking into account the need to address, inter alia, the challenges of climate change and to halt the loss of biodiversity;

6. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and other stakeholders to support the activities undertaken by, inter alia, the World Tourism Organization for the promotion of responsible and sustainable tourism, including in the context of emergency preparedness and response to natural disasters, as well as for capacity-building in order to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, by extending the benefits of tourism to all sectors of society, in particular to the most vulnerable and marginalized groups of the population, while minimizing its negative impact;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventieth session on developments related to the implementation of the present resolution on the basis of the reports of the World Tourism Organization.

[17] A/57/343, annex.

[18] See E/2001/61, annex.